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## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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### CHRISTIAN NURSE NEEDED IN CHINA

The Foreign Christian Missionary Society of Cincinnati, Ohio, is greatly in need of a strong, well qualified Christian nurse to go to the Luchowfu Missionary Hospital in Central China. This is the only American hospital for a million and a half people. More than thirty thousands are cared for in this institution during each year. An American trained nurse is needed to take charge of the native nurses in the hospital and to help train them for service. An American physician is in charge of the hospital and soon it is expected that a second doctor will be added. It is a city of 70,000 people and there are nine missionaries there. The nurse who goes to take up this work should recognize the primacy of Christian service in the undertaking. This hospital is under the direction of the religious body called the Disciples of Christ. Much religious work is carried on in the institution and there is a rare opportunity for real service, both physical and spiritual.

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### LETTERS FROM NAVY NURSES

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Since the former notes were sent to the JOURNAL from this far off field, the work has assumed greater proportions. The medical officers and nurses have felt an increasing need for more help and the commandant has approved a request for additional nurses. There is now a period of anxious waiting while the Powers in Washington weigh the pros and cons of the question.

In giving an outline of our work I must preface it with a brief statement of the general conditions. The Samoan Hospital consists of three large and an equal number of small native houses. These are built, *perched* is a better word, on the side of a steep mountain, no two being on the same level. The large houses shelter the patients from three provinces; men, women and children in the same building. The small houses are intended for the chiefs of each province. The baths and closets are in separate buildings many feet below the hospital. As there is no provision in these buildings for the disposition of excreta, of the bed patients, the bed pans have to be carried to the sea to be emptied and washed. This involves a long hard climb and the attendant performing the duty has to be closely watched else the pans are emptied on the ground.

The water supply is a mountain stream piped into tanks. The amount of water is ample during the abundant rain-falls, but a few days of continuous sunshine dries the stream to a mere rivulet; the tanks are soon emptied and there is no water! This has been the condition for nearly two weeks. All the water used has been carried a long distance and all hot water must be brought from the